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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>REQUEST<br/>For<br/>CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)<br/>TRANSMITTAL</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Address to:<br/><b>MAIL STOP RCE<br/>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS<br/>P.O. BOX 1450<br/>ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450</b></p> <p>(Revised 04/2005)</p>                        | Application Number 10/815,920        |
|  | Filing Date April 1, 2004            |
|  | First Named Inventor: James A. Davis |
|  | Art Unit: 2883                       |
|  | Examiner Name: Timothy L. Rude       |
|  | Confirmation No.: 9434               |
| Attorney Docket No. 038190/251160  |                                      |
| <p><b>This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.</b> Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.</p> |                                      |

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** Note: if the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

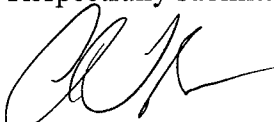
- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- ii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavits(s)/Declarations(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS); of cites listed on PTO Form 1449
- iv. ☒ Other: **Preliminary Amendment**

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is **required** by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)  
(\$790.00 large entity; \$395.00 small entity)
- ii. ☐ Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F. R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_enclosed

Respectfully submitted,



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